



## Author Spotlight Steve Martini

Steve Martini was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Bay Area and Southern California. A writer before he was an attorney, Mr. Martini worked as a newspaper reporter in Los Angeles and a capital correspondent at the state house in Sacramento. It was while he covered the “Helter Skelter” murder trial, and watched prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi in action, that he became interested in the law.

An honors graduate at the University of California at Santa Cruz, Mr. Martini holds his law degree from the University of the Pacific’s McGeorge School of Law. He has written widely on the law and politics, having covered both state and federal courts, the state legislature, and the administrations of governors Ronald Reagan and Jerry Brown.

In 1974 Mr. Martini entered private law practice in Sacramento where he represented clients in both civil and criminal matters. In 1976 he joined the staff of the State Bar of California and was selected as one of three representatives of the Bar assigned to appear regularly before the California State Legislature. Mr. Martini has drafted numerous pieces of legislation affecting California’s justice system.

In 1984, Martini turned his talents to fiction. *Compelling Evidence*, the novel that introduced attorney Paul Madriani, was published by Putnam in 1992. A national bestseller, that novel earned Martini a critical and popular following.

In 1986 he was appointed by the Governor to serve as Deputy Director of the State Office of Administrators Hearings. He has served as an administrative judge and as a special council on assignment from the Governor’s Office to the California Victims of Violent Crimes Program.

From his first book through his last, Martini has garnered both critical and popular praise for his New York Times bestselling novels. To date, he has authored ten books, as well as numerous news articles and commentary on the law and politics. His novel *The Judge* was made into an NBC-TV miniseries. Mr. Martini lives on the West Coast and is currently working on his next novel, *Shadow of Power*, due in 2008.

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